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Jr. High **Boys Finish** Unbeaten

By Ace Stryker The Southern Ute Drum

During a bowling and pizza party Wednesday, March 3, the boys of the Ignacio Junior High School basketball team could have been any group of goofy students jostling each other and shouting "Dude!" at every opportunity.

But they weren't. Under the veneer of youthful jubilance were the hearts of champions: warriors that went 18-0 during their season and could claim that no-one they faced on the court got the better of them. Not bad for a group of kids who won't see a driver license between them for at least a couple more years.

"I was really fortunate to have a lot of talented players that could see the floor," said head coach La Titia Taylor. "A lot of the time, you don't get that with teams."

The A team put the final exclamation point on its undefeated season with a 42-32 win over Escalante Middle School in its last game of the season on Tuesday, Feb. 23. But it wasn't just the A team that performed when they needed to: all the Ignacio Junior High boys teams, including B and C, finished the season with a winning record.

"I want you to know how proud I am of all of you," said Principal Chris deKay during an awards ceremony after the bowling party. "You guys had a great season. That's not only a tribute to you; it's a tribute to your coaches and your families. ... You've got good seasons to come through high school and all the way."

Tribe Secures Funding for Irrigation Project

By Ace Stryker Indian Tribe, The Southern Ute Drum

The Pine River Indian Irrigation Project was at the top of Chairman Matthew Box's list of concerns during a trip to Washington D.C. earlier this month.

Box was in town for the National Congress of American Indians' Executive Council Winter Session. It's one of several annual meetings aimed at giving tribal leaders a chance to meet with lawmakers on important issues. For the Southern Ute

the most pressing of those today is the irrigation project – which has suffered from deferred main-

tenance now needs millions of dollars in renovations, Box said.

"It's tied to major water settlements of the Ute tribe," he said. "It had a major purpose; it's that important."

Construction on the Pine River

Indian Irrigation Project began in 1877 and the project was officially authorized in 1921, according to the Southern Ute Water Resources Division. It has served roughly the same land area since its inception, which includes nearly 12,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado, about 10,000 of which are on tribal lands. Box said if repairs aren't made, it's likely water will fail to reach some paying tribal members. But beyond that, there are spots in which a canal could breach, potentially damaging large land areas.

Estimates for renovations have run from around \$20 million to more than \$60 million, according to the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Act of 2009, a bill proposing a review of the project introduced in the U.S. Senate by Colorado Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet. The Bureau of Indian Affairs maintains the project, but budget woes have meant that many issues have gone unfixed in past years.

Since the BIA can't lobby the federal government directly for funding, the Tribe stepped in to said. The first victory came last week when about \$125,000 was appropriated - but there's need for much more, he said.

"We've learned to be tactful about how to seek appropriations," he said. "Instead of seeking a full appropriation, we set a smaller amount that would at least help with engineering."

Box said the Tribe has been lobbying for funding since 2006, when the BIA tried to replenish

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Animas-La Plata Project Resumes Pumping

By Ace Stryker The Southern Ute Drum

Water levels in the Animas River rose high enough in March that the Animas-La Plata Project began pumping water into Lake Nighthorse for the first time in eight months.

The victory was a minor one. Only one of the project's smallest pumps was activated, and it was stopped after about 24 hours when the river receded again, but the message was clear: there will be water. Current watershed estimates at or above 100 percent bode well for the project in the coming year, said Community Outreach Coordinator Dave Gates.

"Right now we're in good shape," he said, adding the basin should be full sometime between March 2011 and April 2012 depending on weather.

The project began pumping water last April, but had to stop in July when the Animas River dipped below a set threshold. High winds and dust storms had lowered the water level below projections. But if the river rises high enough, the project at capacity can pump about 280

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photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Jim Darling opens the guard valves at the Animas-La Plata Project in preparation for pumping into Lake Nighthorse on Thursday, March 4. The pumping process began with an initial water flow of 14 cubic feet per second, set to increase throughout the week. ALP could be pumping at a full 280 CFS as early as May if water levels in the Animas River rise high enough to sustain it.

'Cats Dominate Regionals, First State Game

By Joel Priest Special to the Drum

photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Pedro Vigil blows past Wiggins

defenders during Thursday morning's Great

Eight opening matchup inside Massari Arena

on the campus of CSU-Pueblo. The Bobcats

prevailed, 64-45.

One step forward. Now no steps back, or so the Bobcats hope. With senior center Alex Herrera denying nearly all shots directed his way, senior forward Shane Brooks' explosive 10point first quarter, and a solid allaround game from senior guard Oakley Hayes, the Ignacio High difficulty in bouncing the Wiggins Tigers, 64-45, in the first game of the state tournament on Thursday, March 11.

Brooks led the 'Cats with 20 total points, Hayes netted 16, and Ryan Brooks and Pedro Vigil booked 10 each, as IHS (22-2) next awaited the winner of Limon-Sargent. The remainder of the tournament took place

> went to press. Regionals looked much the same.

after the Drum

Enemies couldn't help but quiver when the Ignacio Bobcats approached on the court during the 2009-10 season. And Lions Parker) tremble week, with

(Lutheranwill along some Badgers (Limon), Dragons (Holyoke), Indians (Sanford), Farmers (Sargent), and two ambushes of Tigers (Wiggins

For after winning last week-

and Hayden).

School boys had only moderate end's 2A-Region III title, IHS rode a 20-game winning streak into CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena as they hunt the prize denied them last March: the Gold

> "To do it again just means so much for us," said junior Ryan Brooks. "Wanted this all year."

> Senior Trae Seibel agreed. "We're going back to Pueblo that's all it's about. Number-one team's knocked out of the tournament, and number two," he said, referring to Meeker and defending 2A champs Colorado Springs School.

Oakley Hayes, also a senior, said the team was prepared to face anyone.

"We don't have a preference; figure we've got to beat the best to be the best," he said. "So whoever we've got to play, we've got to beat."

And beat two unknowns they did last Friday and Saturday inside Durango's DemonDome, site of Ignacio's regional crowning last season. First to fall was rugged Antonito from the Southern Peaks League, 66-49. And though they upset MHS (21-2), Lafayette-based Alexander Dawson School simply couldn't run four quarters with the 'Cats, and the Mile High Leaguers collapsed under a 65-46 score.

Senior center Alex Herrera totaled 32 points in the two wins, including an alley-oop dunk

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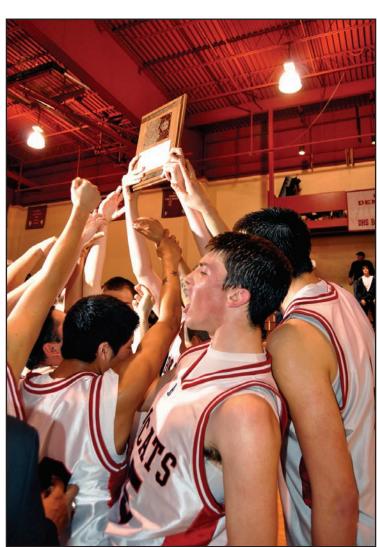


photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Ignacio Bobcats hoist the coveted Class 2A Regional Championship plaque moments after defeating the Alexander Dawson Mustangs by 19 points (65-46) on Sat., March 6 in the Durango High School gym. The No. 1 seeded 'Cats defeated the No. 4 Antonito Trojans the previous evening by a score of 66-49. They went on to handily defeat the Wiggins Tigers, their opponents in the first round of the state tournament, by a score of 64-45. Their next game is 8 p.m. Friday.

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Tribal Update

Seven Rivers 4-H Accepting Enrollments

New enrollments are being accepted until April 30. The 4-H club is open to any Colorado youth 5-18. 4-H work centers on projects that are fun, hands-on experiences for youth. Through project work, members learn life skills, communication, record keeping, decision making and leadership. We are also looking for adult leaders. Local leaders help to provide a satisfying experience for 4-H members. It takes teamwork of leaders, parents, members and agents to do this. If any families are interested, please pick up a form at the Southern Ute Agriculture building at 655 County Road 517 or contact Leonora Burch at 970-563-0220 ext. 3504.

Hunter Education Coming to Ignacio

Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool. Classes will be in Leonard C. Burch Building's Buckskin Charlie Room on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and on April 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. The minimum age limit is 10. Preregistration is required: the call Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management at 970-563-0130. The cost is \$10. Participants must attend all classes, pass a written test, and demonstrate safe handling of firearms. The class limit is 20. Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class; items will be provided. For information on other classes in the area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs), call the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 970-247-0855 or visit http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses.

Culture Fair Coming to Casino April 16

You are cordially invited to take part in the K-6 Cultures Coming Together Fair at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on April 16. We are looking for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to share your culture with our Ignacio students and keep the cultural connection going. We will be glad to assist you in creating your presentation. Each presenter will have his or her own booth. You choose the elements of your culture you'd like to share. We need your help to excite and educate the children about different cultures. Volunteers, call Lisa Brown at 970-563-0675 or 970-563-0650 or email lbrown@ignacio.k12.co.us.

Free Home Radon Testing Available

SUIT Environmental Programs is offering free home radon testing to tribal members. Please call 970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information. Priority goes to elders and those with infants in their homes.

Upcoming GED Test Dates Announced

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: April 2, May 7, and June 4. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class and score a 450 on practice tests. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Tribal Health Sponsors Wellness Challenge

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department is pleased to announce a new wellness challenge that is designed to help you feel better inside and out. The challenge begins March 19. The challenge is open to the first 15 eligible Native Americans. Work-out partners are allowed, but only Native American registrants are eligible for prizes and incentives. Body weight, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol numbers will be monitored. There will be fitness assessments and fitness training, along with weekly healthy nutrition classes. There will also be weekly groups to discuss challenges. The top three participants each receive a top-of-the-line Polar Heart Rate Watch. Incentives will be given for strong participation. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Call to reserve your registration spot. Next challenge may begin in July. The challenge is supported by a grant from Health Disparities Grant Program of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Any Native American 20 or older is welcome to call for questions or to reserve a registration spot. Call either Lynn Murison at 970-563-0154 ext. 2342 Henry Sun Eagle at 970-563-4751 ext. 2344.

Hand Game Practice

March 11 and 18, 2010 from 6 - 8 pm

Southern Ute Education Bldg. (333 Burns Avenue) Ignacio, CO Come and learn how to play! Everyone invited! Dinner will be pot-luck style so please bring a small food dish. Any questions call Leonora Burch at 970-563-0220 or 970-759-1668

Correction

A Feb. 25 article on KSUT incorrectly identified Beth Warren. Her official title is community development director.

46th Annual **Hozhoni Days** "Inspiring knowled from traditions" **Whalen Gym Fort Lewis College** Durango, CO March 26 & 27 2010 **Host Northern Drum** Meskwaki Nation, Tama, IA Schedule **Host Southern Drum** Fri, March 26 Host/Hotel Cozad, Anadarko, OK Gourd Dancing 6pm Strater Hotel \$79 + tax **Grand Entry 7pm Master of Ceremonies** 1-800-247-4431 Dwayne Tofpi, Albuquerque, NM Sat, March 27 FLC-Hozhoni Days **Gourd Dancing 11am Arena Director** Admission 1st Grand Entry 1pm Bruce LeClaire, Durango, CO General \$5 Gourd Dancing 6pm Students \$3 **Head Judge** 2nd Grand Entry 7pm 6 years & under Chad Avery, Durango, CO & 60+ Free Crowning of the New Miss Hozhoni, 2010-11 **Head Gourd Dancer** Registration Andrew Frost, Ignacio, CO Wanbli Ota Special: Begins Fri 4pm **Drum Contest \$25** Teen & Adult **Color Guard** Dancers \$5 red for cash prizes) Team Dancing Fort Lewis College Veterans Club

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For more information please contact the Native American Center @ 970-247-7221
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Tribal Council Seeking to Form Tribal Elders Task Force

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

On March 4, a majority of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council passed Resolution 2010-49, which dissolved the tribe's Committee of Elders.

create an elders task force of four are committed to working toward members of the prior Elders

Media Release Committee and four elders at large, all of whom shall be volunteers. This task force is to work on developing recommendations regarding a new committee that will focus only on supporting and preserving the tribal language and culture.

Elders who are interested in The Tribal Council is seeking to serving on the task force and who a new language and culture com-

mittee will need to provide a letter of intent to serve on the task force, which can be turned into the Executive Office, a member of the Tribal Council or the staff of Elders Services.

These letters of intent must be received by April 1, at which time the Tribal Council will review the letters and appoint members to the task force.

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photo courtesy/Arla Duran

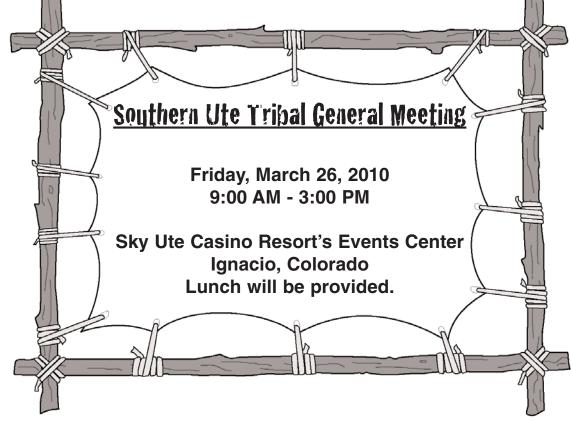
Tribal Council Chairman Matthew Box, Councilman Steve Herrera and Recording Secretary Arla Duran visited Washington D.C. earlier this month to attend the Executive Council Winter Session of the National Congress of American Indians. While there, Box said he focused on lobbying for energy issues and funding to renovate the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project, which serves about 12,000 acres in southwest Colorado, most of it tribal land.

its coffers by doubling the operations and maintenance fees tribal members pay from \$8.50 to \$17. He's hopeful the federal government will hold a hearing in the near future in which the Tribe can make its case in support of the proposed bill and for addi-said. But those discussions, were tional funds.

If the irrigation project were to be renovated to the point where millions of dollars in extra money

were no longer necessary, it might be worth the Tribal Council's time to consider taking over day-to-day operations through the Indian Self-Determination Education Assistance Act, as it did with the Health Clinic, he they ever to happen, would still be vears off, he said.

met with members of the Colorado delegation, including Sen. John Salazar and representatives of Sens. Udall and Bennet, to discuss drilling fees and other energy issues. Box said he broached the subject of increasing BIA staffing and funding for Contract Health Services and plans to return to During the session, Box and those issues at the next NCAI Councilman Steve Herrera also meeting in South Dakota in June.





Update

Of Four Corners Interest

County Presents 'Southwest Community Design Academy III'

La Plata County is hosting the third annual Southwest Community Design Academy (SWCDA). The SWCDA is seeking participants who have an interest in promoting quality design and development in their community. This nine-week interactive class is designed to bring together elected officials, active community members, local business leaders and interested citizens to make educated and significant contributions to the community while supporting sustainable development in a way that is symbiotic with local municipalities, neighborhood communities and sovereign nations. The purpose of this class is to educate, motivate and empower potential leaders and policymakers in the community so they can critically look at community design issues and articulately express their ideas within the community. The cost of the class is \$195. Classes will take place at the Durango Public Library, Room 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings beginning March 15 and continuing until May 10. For additional information, contact Julia Stantic in the La Plata County Planning Department at 970-382-6261 or by email at stanticja@co.laplata.co.us.

Sunday at the Four States Ag Expo Celebrates Youth, Family

Hands-on happiness: that's what the Four States Ag Expo is planning for kids and families on Sunday, March 21, at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez. Actually, all four days of the Four States Ag Expo, March 18-21, 2010, will have events (like carriage rides, petting zoo, animals and more) to please everyone from the little guys to the more seasoned folks, but Sunday will have some especially kid-friendly bonuses:

- · Stick Horse Rodeo
- · Face Painting
- · Mutton Bustin' (for a small extra fee)
- · Beef Show, with Youth Showmanship Contest

The Four States Ag Expo, held at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez and now in its 28th year, is pleased to bring the community the largest "farm, ranch and more" show in the West, with something for everyone to see, do and enjoy.

For more information, visit www.FourStatesAgExpo.com or call 970-565-3414.

Lions Club Hosts Bayfield Hunter Education Course

A hunter education course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 23, 24, 26 and 27 at the Lions Club on Church Street in Bayfield. Preregister by calling the instructor at 970-247-0855. Class size is limited to 50 students, so preregistration is required. There is a \$10 fee for the course. Students must attend all class sessions. Class time on March 23, 24 and 26 is 6:30-9:30 p.m. Class time on March 27 is 9-11 a.m.

County Commissioners Seek Water Conservation Board Member

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners is seeking an interested individual to serve as a member of the Southwestern Water Conservation District. The District was created by the State of Colorado to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and the Dolores rivers and their tributaries, and to safeguard for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled. Included in the Southwestern Water Conservation District are nine counties, each with one representative: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, San Juan and San Miguel. The length of term is three years. Individuals with experience or interest in water policy issues are encouraged to apply. All positions are voluntary. Detailed qualifications, the board description and an application may be obtained online at www.co.laplata.co.us or from the Information Desk of the La Plata County Courthouse at 1060 E. 2nd Ave. in Durango. For more information, call 970-382-6219.

Turtle Lake Refuge Offers Food Prep Class

The nonprofit Turtle Lake Refuge is offering "Alive and Wild," a food prep class for optimal health, on Thursday evenings from March 11 through April 1. Classes run from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Turtle Lake Refuge (access from the alley of 848 E. 3rd Ave. in Durango). Anyone is welcome to attend all or any of the classes. Suggested donation is \$111, or \$33 a session. Net donations go toward the Sustainable Living Education Fund. Call Katrina Blair at 970-247-0514 for more information.

Ute Mountain Starting Men's and Women's Open Basketball League

League play will begin April 6 and the tournament will be played at the end of June. Entry fee is \$200 and must be paid before your team will be scheduled. Includes league play and tournament. Call 970-564-5752 or 970-564-5360 or e-mail ntraweek@utemountain.org for more information.

March Native Food Concession

Friday, March 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Indian tacos, mutton stew and frybread. Buy three tacos and get the fourth one free. All proceeds ben-

efit the Denver Christian Indian Center's nonprofit status.

Denver Christian Indian Center, 501 South Pearl Street (corner of Virginia & Pearl) Denver, CO Website: www.denvercic.org • Flyer: www.denvercic.org/CIC_Food_Concession10.pdf Phone: 303-733-3693 • E-mail: christian_indian_center@msn.com

PowWow Trails 2010

36th Annual Denver March PowWow

March 19-21, 2010 4600 Humboldt Street • Denver, CO

Contact: Grace B Gillette

Phone: 303-934-8045 Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net

Web: denvermarchpowwow.org

33rd Annual SUU PowWow

March 26-27, 2010 351 W Univ. Blvd • Cedar City, UT

> **Contact: Tina Calamity** Phone: 435-586-7772

Email: calamity@suu.edu

Web: suu.edu/orgs/nasa/

46th Annual Hozhoni Days PowWow

March 26-27, 2010

Fort Lewis College Whalen Gym • Durango, CO

Contact: Asa Washines/Myra Britton

Phone: 970-764-7197 Email: wanbliota@fortlewis.edu

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March 27-28, 2010

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Email: tiospaye@usd.edu Honor the Youth Contest Pow Wow

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Phone: 480-221-3118 Email: thomas.goodluck@ihs.gov Many Moons Ago



10 Years Ago

Photo Archives/DRUM

On Feb. 4, 2000, Joseph M. Weaver successfully completed Marine Corps recruit training in San Diego, Calif. Joseph began his training in November 1999 the training was approximately 12 weeks. Pictured (l-r) are Rudley Weaver (father), Alden J. Weaver (older brother), Nancy R. Weaver (little sister), Joseph M. Weaver and Edith J. Weaver (mother).

This photo was published in the Mar. 10, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



20 Years Ago

Photo Archives/DRUM

Washington-bound students challenged the Southern Ute Tribal Council in the "Knowledge Bowl" on Feb. 28, 1990. Ann McCoy was the moderator who asked the questions on U.S. history. Students pictured (l-r) were Anthony Gunn, Johnita Taylor, Sadie Frost, Daphnee Washington and Amy Barry.

This photo was published in the Mar. 15, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 Years Ago

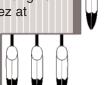
Unfortunately, there was not a Drum published to correspond with this issue of the Drum. Look for the 30 Years Ago photo in the March 26 issue of the Drum.

2010 Tri Ute Games - Fort Duchesne, Utah July 21-25, 2010

Tri Ute Sports include: Archery, Volleyball, Bowling, **Cross Country, Basketball and Swimming**

If you are between the ages of 11-18 & wish to participate in the games or would like to coach volleyball or girls basketball, please contact Michelle Alvarez at (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2208.







Ute Language

sag'aipüvÙ - Aspen tree pawapÙ - Cedar tree yüvüpÙ - Pine tree waÇapÙ - Pinon tree

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



Kidney Corner: 'Bone Disease in Chronic Kidney Disease'

By Dr. Mark Saddler Durango Nephrology Associates

One of the possible complications of Chronic Kidney Disease is a tendency to develop bone disease. This can take one of several forms, most of which can be resolved or at least improved with medications.

Bones are made of protein and minerals, including calcium. The calcium gives the bone its hardness; deficiency of calcium in bone tends to result in soft bones, which have a tendency to fracture with minimal amounts of trauma.

Many patients with early stages of Chronic Kidney Disease are deficient in vitamin D. This vitamin enables the body to absorb calcium from food, and also enables the body to move the calcium from the blood into bones. It also now seems that vitamin D has many other important benefits, possibly including protection from heart disease and cancer. So it's worth checking vitamin D levels in patients with

kidney disease. It's usually easy to take extra vitamin D to correct low levels. recommended allowance of vitamin D is 400 units, and this is the amount in most multivitamin tablets. Many bone experts think that the daily



dose of vitamin D should be higher, especially for women possibly around 800 units per day. When patients with Chronic Kidney Disease are found to be deficient in vitamin D, we usually give higher doses, often around 2,000 units per day. It can also be given as a larger monthly

Healthy kidneys modify vitamin D into an active form, and patients with Chronic Kidney Disease may lack the ability to perform this activation step in their kidneys. So some patients with Chronic Kidney Disease need a different form of activated vitamin D to get the best protection for their bones. Studies in patients with end-stage kidney disease show that patients taking activated vitamin D not only have less bone disease, but also

appear to live longer than patients not taking them.

Another challenge for many patients with Chronic Kidney Disease is the tendency to retain phosphate, a substance present in many foods which is usually excreted by the kidneys. High phosphate levels are associated with increased risk of death for dialysis patients, and it's very important to try to bring the levels down. Control of phosphate can be achieved by restriction of phosphate in the diet, and by phosphate binder medicines that are taken with food and prevent phosphate from being absorbed from the gut.

Parathyroid hormone (PTH) is a hormone secreted by four peasized glands in the neck. It raises calcium levels in the blood and removes calcium from bone. PTH levels often tend to rise in Chronic Kidney Disease, and this can result in weakening of the bone. So suppression of PTH can be helpful for bone protection. Several medicines can help to suppress PTH including activated vitamin D, and a newer medicine called cinacalcet (Sensipar).

With careful attention to vitamin D, phosphate levels and PTH levels, the risk of fracture can be reduced for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease.

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Southern Ute Tribal Health Department

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Call either Lynne Murison at 970-563-0154 ext. 2342 or Henry Sun Eagle at 970-563-4751 ext. 2344.

Villaluna Wins Heart Challenge

Health Disparities Coordinator

Mari Villaluna successfully completed the My Former Shadow I program, started in December 2009, and won the group's award: a three-day trip to the Denver PowWow from March 19 to 21.

The My Former Shadow program is a cardiovascular risk reduction program that focused on changing lifestyle behaviors. The group met twice weekly to

Lynne Murison discuss challenges and have a nutritional demonstration of healthy cooking.

> Group members decided that the most important factors to decide the winner were changes in glucose, cholesterol, weight, waist circumference, blood pressure, flexibility and cardiovascular VO2, as well as group participation and exercise patterns.

> Mari changed her glucose to a normal level, lost weight all over, lost inches in her waist and lowered her blood pressure

- all to normal levels in three months. She used her journal to focus on healthier goals and actively shared with the group about how she worked toward her goals.

If you would like to participate in the next My Former Shadow group, which starts March 19, call Lynne Murison or Henry Sun Eagle at 970-563-0154. We will also screen anyone concerned about their glucose or cholesterol; just call.

Congratulations to Mari!

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Tribal Court's Strengthening Families Program Lunch Class

The Southern Ute Tribal Court's Strengthening Families Program is sponsoring a nine-session parent education lunch class. The classes will be held at the SunUte Community Center on Thursdays, from April 8 through June 10. The focus of the class is "Raining Resilient Children. Fostering Strength, Hope and Optimism in Children." In-class and at home activities help parents recognize the crucial role they play in their children's emotional health. Contact Crystal Thompson, SFP coordinator, at 970-563-0240 ext. 3255 or email cthompson@southern-ute.nsn.us to register.

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Communities

Now is the time to get involved!

970-385-7493.

Logo and Theme Contest for the 90th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow The Southern Ute Public Relations Division, in conjunction with the

Southern Ute PowWow Committee, would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2010 Southern Ute Tribal Fair for all Southern Ute tribal members.

Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches. Selected artwork will be featured on all items involved with the 90th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork.

All medias of art will be accepted until May 31.

All artwork will be accepted at the Public Relations Office in the Leonard C. Burch Building in person or by mail. Public Relations Division, P.O. Box 737 No. 13, Ignacio, CO 81137. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Barry at 970-563-0119 or email abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us.

> The winner will be announced and featured in the June 4 edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

S.U.I.T. APPAREL!

The Southern Ute Drum and Public Relations Division have surplus apparel for sale at the price of \$5 each, including Tshirts, polo shirts and baseball caps. Please give us a call at 970-563-0119 or come by our office in the Leonard C. Burch Building to purchase items or to inquire about apparel.

Archery **Enthusiasts!**

Every Monday through April 5. The Ute Creek Archers will be at the Sky Ute **Downs Events Center** from 7p.m. until 9p.m. Any questions, please call Muz Pinnecoose at 970-563-0100 ext. 2220.

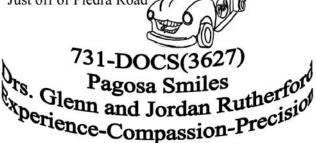




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Computer Classes

Every Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. March 20 - Email: Creating an account, if you don't have one, electronic mail utilities.

March 27 - Microsoft Word: We will explore the many functions the program has to offer.

If there are additional computer applications in which you are interested, please feel free to suggest those at the Circulation Desk and we will do our best to assist you. Classes will be limited to 5 people per class, so if interested, sign-up at the Circulation Desk! If a class is full, just leave your name and a contact number with a staff member and we will add you to the next available class offered in the following month.

Knitting News

Every Tues., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. As Spring approaches knitters gather in the Community Room to catch the sun's rays on their backs, enjoy friendly conversation, share skills, have an espresso and be creative. Come join us for a pleasant afternoon from 1 pm to 3pm every Tuesday

Senior Center Visit Mar. 30, 11:30 - 1 p.m.

The Ignacio Library Staff will visit the Senior Citizen Center. Seniors can check out large print books, audio books and movies.

Calling All Artists

The library is looking for artists for the upcoming Spring Art Exhibit. Deadline for this exhibit will be Friday, March 19, 2010. Artists of all ages, levels and media are invited to participate Interested artists can pick up an Art Exhibit Request Form at the circulation desk or download it at www.ignaciolibrary.org.

Book of the Month

Our Bookbrowse book for the month of March is Village of the Ghost Bears. In Village of the Ghost Bears, Trooper Nathan Active and his fellow law enforcement personnel must discuss the problem of polar bear poaching, because at least one of the suspects in the arson/murder has been involved in the illegal trade of selling polar bear gallbladders to China.

New March Arrivals

Adult Non-fiction Bright Wings An Illustrated and becoming familiar with the Anthology of Poems About

> The Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Boleyn by Alison

> Train form The Last Hiroshima: The Survivors **Look Back**

Mother Daughter Duet: Getting to the Relationship You Want with Your Adult **Daughter**

They Are Parents Too! How Siblings Can Survive Their Parents' Aging Without Driving **Each Other Crazy**

The Tassajara Bread Book by Edward Espe Brown Peter Reinhart's Artisan **Bread Everyday**

Adult Fiction

Big Girl by Danielle Steel **Bloodroot** by Amy Greene **The Hidden Flame** *by Davis T.*

The Honor of Spies by W.E. B. Griffin

Summer on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber

Adult Mystery Fiction Death of a Valentine by M.C. Beaton

Deeper Than the Dead by Tami Hoag

The First Rule by Robert Crais **Treasure** Hunt by John Lescroart

Village of the Ghost Bears by Stan Jones

Kisser by Stuart Woods

Adult Large Print Impact by Douglas Preston Joelle's Secret by Gilbert Morris

Straight From the Hip by Susan Mallery Worst Case by James Patterson

New Teen Books

Conrad **Along For the Ride** by Sarah

Dessen Crocodile Tears by Anthony Horowitz.

Max by James Patterson **Abhorsen** by Garth Nix Once Was Lost by Sara Zarr Manga Books

TEEN SCENE

Chess Tournament Wed., Mar. 24, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Spring Break

Movie Day - Blind Side Wed., Mar. 30, 3:30 pm

Wii Challenge Wed., Mar. 31, 2 pm

Let's Party - April Fools (just kidding, see you there) Thurs., Apr. 1, 2 pm

Book Scavenger Hunt Winner Congratulations to Kyle Bell!

Book Blog Winner

Congratulations to Jordan J. B. the February Book Blog winner. His book review is titled Dairy of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. The next blog drawing will take place on March 31st. Look at what other kids are blogging about. www.iclbookblogs.blogspot.com

Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Come enjoy the fun of the literacy-enhanced story time.

Story Time

Wed., March 17 we will celebrate St Patrick's Day for story time. It will be a lucky day.

New Kids Book Boo-Hoo Moo by Patatini

Graves **Bubble Gum Chewing Rattle Snake**

Flat Stanley Books

Kids Movie Mar. 30, 11 a.m.

Wii Challenge, 9 & Under Mar. 31, 1:00pm

February Donations

Total money donated was \$110.65. Item donations: 245. Sweet Little Lies by Lauren books & 57 movies& 10 audio books and magazines. Our volunteer's total hours of service was 52 hours. We thank you.

March Madness

March Madness is also upon us. As our high school team goes to State, we have some new books we have purchased on the subject and the new DVD, "Chiefs".

How to Build a Helicopter

By Don Folsom SUPD Senior Community Resource

When I jumped at the chance to be a mentor at the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I didn't know what to expect.

Sure, I received the basic instructions during orientation, but I didn't know if I was going be paired up with a younger or older child, mellow or hyper, outgoing or introverted. Then Darrell Clah paired me up with my young mentee. We had a few moments to talk and introduce ourselves before Darrell handed us a monster Erector set.

This was a set with bags and bags of nuts, bolts, wires, girders and shaped panels; all those things that you can get lost in. This was the type of set jammed with so much stuff, my mom would have never bought it for me as a child because of the amounts of parts getting lost in the carpet would easily destroy several vacuum cleaners.

Pretty soon, the two of us settled down into a rhythm. He would hunt down the parts in the picture and hand them to me. I would place them together and get them where they needed to go. He would tighten the pieces



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Dante Milliano, a youth participant in the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, works on Monday, March 8, to construct an Erector set with Don Folsom, tribal employee, as part of the club's mentorship program. The youth meet with their mentors weekly to engage in a variety of activities fostering the bond between mentor and mentee. The mentorship program is usually held at SunUte Community Center.

and return to the stash of parts to hunt the next ones down. We would glance at the instructions together every now and then. But the project was ours to work out at our own pace. Pretty soon, a recognizable helicopter shape took place among the loose screws, nuts and girders. We were building our own project.

The mentoring began to look the same way. There were some instructions that were helpful.

When we met together for the first time, we found out that there were a lot of things that each of us brought to the relationship. We listened to each other and began to work together to accomplish something, and without really even trying the mentoring relationship started taking a recognizable shape.

Ours was a helicopter; what will your mentoring relationship

The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss



photo courtesy/Trish O'Brien, SUIMA

Pictured from left to right, Dominique Rael, Shoshone Thompson, Terena Hight, D'Vondra Garcia and Derek Sage read aloud as part of the annual celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The upper elementary students read these stories to a captive audience of Primary students. The student activities took place on Tuesday, March 2, and included costumes, art projects and the preparation of the infamous green eggs and ham.

Education Department News March 2010

After-school Academic Tutoring Programs Sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0237.

> **Ignacio High School** (ninth-12th grade) Room 4

A math teacher available during these times as well. Mon.-Thurs., 3:45-5:45 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Ignacio Junior High School

(seventh and eighth grade) **Education Center** Homework support and math

enrichment. Mon.-Thur., 3:30-5 p.m.

Ignacio Intermediate School

(fourth-sixth grade) **Education Center** Math Club: program per grade

Monday: fifth grade Tuesday: sixth grade Wednesday: fourth grade Thursday: fourth grade

Elementary Education Center (Kindergarten-third grade)

Education Center Monday: third grade Tuesday: Kindergarten Wednesday: second grade Thursday: first grade

Reminder: All third-through-10th-grade students will be taking state testing (CSAP) over the next three weeks. Please help your child do their best by getting a good night's sleep and attending school each day throughout the testing weeks.

CSAP Testing Schedules

Elementary School Third grade math and writing

Intermediate School • Week One:

Tues., March 16; Wed., March 17; Thur., March 18 Sixth grade: 8:20-9:50 a.m. Fifth grade: 8:20-11:30 a.m. Fourth grade: 8:20-9:50 a.m.

· Week Three: Tue., March 23; Wed., March 24; Thur., March 25 Fourth grade: 9:45-11 a.m.

> High School and **Junior High School**

Mon., March 15; Tues., March 16; Wed., March 17 8 a.m.-noon each day

The GED test dates for the upcoming months: April 2, May 7, June 4 and July 9. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building.

Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237

or 970-749-1953.



Despite Loss, Lady Bobcats Plenty Proud of Season

By Joel Priest cut the Lady Special to the Drum

Traditional handshakes during player introductions weren't L i n d s e y enough, apparently.

No, the Burlington girls preferred a more up-close-and-personal method of meeting their mostly-unknown opponent, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats. Employing a sturdy full-court press after opening last Friday's 2A-Region I semifinal with a layup, the Lady Cougars denied IHS' inbounds attempt three times, then forced a turnover and buried a three-pointer on offense – all in the first 30 seconds.

"We try to press right away, just to get the game going our tempo," said BHS head coach Don Anderson. "And our girls did well with that; they took care of the ball, put pressure on the ball."

And did it well enough to take an 18-8 lead after eight minutes in Alamosa, survive Ignacio's comeback charge in the second quarter, then shut the door on the game in the third, en route to a 62-43 win inside Adams State College's Plachy Hall.

"The pressure in general was a bit much," said IHS head coach Brice Searles. "I think the whole situation, as far as being here for the first time in a while, it just took us time to get going. And I think we were caught a little bit off-guard about what to expect; we hadn't really had much information about them."

That is, other than a 14-7 record coming in, including losses to 2A Great Eight qualifiers Rocky Ford (twice), 2A top-ten teams Wray and Las Animas (once each), and Weskan - who just ended their season 22-3, a win away from Kansas' 1A Great Eight – in their season opener. Not too shabby.

"I'm proud of our girls. They played well and played hard," Searles stated.

Junior Rose Mirabal scored 14 points for Ignacio (7-14), as did freshman Michelle Simmons, many on drives to the basket a little heftier, and they took advanresulting in trips to the freethrow line. BHS senior Brittany Weber, in particular, fell victim to those accelerations and picked up her third foul with 3:25 left before halftime.

Converting the shot, Simmons

Cougs' lead down to 26-18 after freshman Hutchinson had started the rally with a trey, slimming the lead to 22-16. A later Simmons drive, followed in short order Simmons completing a 1and-1, narrowed the gap to just 29-24 b e f o r e Burlington's Jade County dropped a short hoop at the

"We did have a little lapse in second quarter, probably should have got out of that

other end.

full-court a little earlier," Anderson said. "But in the third they came back and stepped it up. We switched defenses, tried keeping the ball out of [Simmons'] hands, and that was effective."

County's bucket and another by BHS just before the half gave the Union Pacific League champs a 33-24 lead through two, and the Lady Cougars' run would reach 14 unanswered before Mirabal sank two free throws with 3:30 left in the third, making the score 43-26.

A three by Ori Swiatkowski put BHS ahead 52-28, before IHS freshman Pam Cotton (six points) countered with a nice baseline jumper from about 12 feet out, ending the third frame. And though Mirabal found her mid-tolong-range game in the fourth, swishing three shots, the damage was too great to overcome as Burlington was simply too burly inside and all-around in their

"They did have size on us, were tage of it," said Searles. "That's one thing we're going to work on, is a little more weights and try to get more power in our game."

Freshman Mariah Vigil and junior Sara Hutchinson rounded out Ignacio's scoring with four and

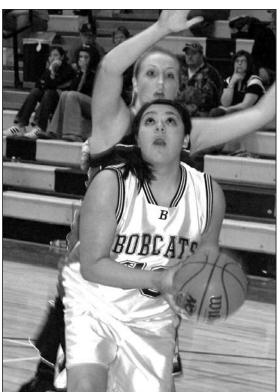


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Ignacio freshman Mariah Vigil senses danger lurking in the form of Burlington's Jade County as she prepares to shoot late in a Feb. 5 game in Alamosa.

two points, respectively, against Burlington's interior. Conversely, sophomore Bailey Tillitson – who started on the bench despite being BHS' top scorer - finished with ten, County netted six, and Weber led all with 16. Ten of those came in the third, when she and junior Danielle Penny (14 points) were simply too fast in transition and gained chances for simple, fastbreak layups.

"I'm just pleased with all our girls' efforts. They had a great opening day," said Anderson. "For a five-hour bus ride, we're feeling good right now!"

May

"No question I'm looking forward to next year. To get some people really built for their position, designed for their position, there's a lot we're going to have to work with over the summer ... But overall, I think we didn't do too bad," said Searles. "And again, we've got a lot of work to do, but ... this is all gravy considering the fact we even made it this far. So I'm glad for the experience for the kids, I really am."

Burlington (15-8) fell in the regional's finale, 55-44 to Sangre de Cristo (Mosca). The Lady Thunderbirds (18-6) had first ousted West Central League champs South Park (Fairplay; 14-8), 54-38.

Perfect Season Ends on High Note



The Ignacio Junior High School boys basketball A team brought their "A" game not just to the Escalante Eagles, but to every team they faced this year, rendering the Bobcats undefeated. The Junior High squad, led by head coach La Titia Taylor, dealt the final blow of the season by defeating the Eagles on Tuesday, Feb. 23, on Ignacio's home court with a decisive score of 42-32. Clayson Smith (upper left) and Adison Jones denied Escalante a chance at narrowing the margin by two with a ferocious block. Also pictured are Wyatt Hayes and Adam Herrera. The following week, the Bobcats were honored with an awards celebration that included a trophy presentation and bowling at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Rolling Thunder Lanes. See more photos on page 12.

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Ignacio High School 2010 Spring Sports Schedule

March 6 Farmington Invite 13 Piedra Vista Bloomfield Quad Α April Harry Hays Invite (Bloomfield) Pine River Invite (Bayfield) 17 Ron Keller Invite (Durango) 23 Cortez Invite Alamosa Invite Bayfield League

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	23	Pagosa Springs	H	4 p.m.	
April	9	Center	H	4 p.m.	Apr
	10	Ridgway	H	11 p.m.	
	16	Ridgway	A	4 p.m.	
	20	Bayfield	A	4 p.m.	
	23	Telluride	A	4 p.m.	
	27	Pagosa Springs	A	4 p.m.	
May	1	Center	A	11 a.m.	
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13/14 Regionals (Grand Junction)

Ignacio High School 315 Becker Street, Ignacio, Colorado 81137 (970) 563-0515

Patrick Hight

BASEBALL Antonito A V/V 11 a.m. March 13 18-21 Piedra Vista A TBA V Tourney A V/V 11 a.m. April Sargent Pagosa Spgs. H 13 Dove Creek H V/JV 1 p.m. 17 **Dolores** H V/JV 11 a.m. H V/JV 1 p.m. 20 Nucla Dove Creek V/V 11 a.m. 24 A V/V 1 p.m. 27 Dolores A V/V 11 a.m. May Nucla Districts **TBA** 14-15 Regionals TBA

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'Cats Dominate Regionals • from page 1

served up by Brooks (20 points total) against Dawson - on Brooks' 16th birthday, to boot. Herrera also swatted away 17 shot attempts by the opposition. Junior Pedro Vigil netted 23 points total, while Hayes hung a critical dozen on ADS alone.

Matt Hart led the Mustangs (16-8) with 26 points, while Jose Uriarte led the Trojans (14-9)

with 16. Both players were senior guards; senior posts James Blue (6-foot-7) of Dawson and Jose Taylor (6-foot-5) of Antonito were stymied to the tune of 11 points combined.

IHS improved to 21-2 overall entering the tell-all tests in the 3,900-capacity venue, and though guaranteed two days in Colorado's Steel City, the

Bobcats want to be there for all three - especially at 7 p.m. Saturday, in the grand finale.

"Absolutely higher hopes (than last season)," head coach Chris Valdez said. "But we're going to take it one game at a time."

Ignacio will face either 4-seed Limon or 5-seed Sargent at 8:30 p.m. Friday. The losers will play at 1:15 p.m.

San Juan League 2010 All-Conference Wrestling

FIRST TEAM Cole Baughman (DC) 112 Alex Pena (Ign) Tray Sickels (Nuc) Casey Haga (Ign)

Seth Gabardi (Nor) Josh Plehinger (Ign) 145 Brent Harris (Nor) 152 Seth Knob (Nuc)

Justin Guynes (DC)

Hwt. Blaine Daves (DC)

Chance Wyatt (Ign)

Derrick Naranjo (Ign) 160 Colton Wyatt (Ign)

Jeff Herrera (Ign) Jeff Sparks (DC) Ryan Johnston (Dol) Levi Randolph (DC) Ethan Pearson (Ign) Dillon Sanders (DC) Darren Lagerstrom (Ign)

HONORABLE

MENTION

THIRD Keegan Arnold (Nuc) Dalton Randolph (DC) Colton Shull (Dol) Jordan Lestina (DC) Brandon Morgan (Nuc)

Logan Willbanks (Dol) Richard Duke (Nuc)

FOURTH

Kevin Park (Ign) Dallas Herrigan (Nor) Chad Stoner (Nuc)

Ethan Alexander (Nor) Dirk Smuin (Nuc) Ty Laframboise (Nor) Jerron Ragsdale (Nor)

TEAM SCORES:

Jared Ruybal (Ign)

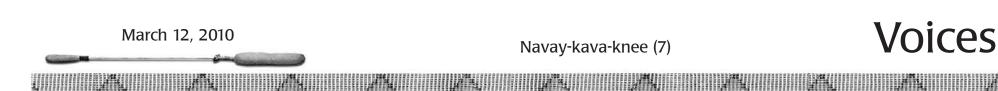
First: Ignacio (140 pts.) Second: Dove Creek (80 pts.) Third: Norwood (65 pts.) Fourth: Nucla (60 pts.) Fifth: Dolores (21 pts.)

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR Alex Pena (Ign)

COACH OF THE YEAR Bob Overturf (Ign)

Memorial **Men's and Women's** Basketball Tournament April 30th, May 1st & 2nd SunUte Community Center-Ignacio, Colorado Entry Fee: \$200 1st Place - Pendleton Jackets & Prize Money (TBD) 2nd Place - Pull-overs & Prize Money (TBD) 3rd Place - Shirts & Prize Money (TBD) **MVP & ALL-TOURNEY AWARDS**

Information, contact: Damon WhiteThunder (970) -563-0214, Danielle Hight (970) -553-9470



Express Your Opinions

Thank You for Supporting My Education

The following letter was submitted on Feb. 8, but publication was delayed due to a staff oversight. Apologies.

I am taking this time let people in my life know that I appreciate them and want to extend a "thank you" with much gratitude.

First are my mother, son and my brother. I would not have been able to succeed in my educational goals without them. It is because of them, their patience, traveling and daily calls with encouragement that I was able to get through three and a half years without them. I love you with all my heart and am here to repay you by helping with whatever it is you need, as you did for me.

Next are the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Higher Education staff. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, under the direction of Chairman Clement Frost, having the insight to provide substantial scholarships to its members, has put an investment into the future of the Tribe. It is with this scholarship that I was able to earn my applied associate of science in criminal justice, bachelor of arts in political science, master of social work, and juris doctorate degrees in the last 10 and a half years. I plan to put these degrees to work for the betterment of the Tribe and my fellow members.

It is now up to the current Tribal Council to provide opportunities to for those who have completed their educational goals. Let the scholarships not be in vain, and have the tribal members give back to the Tribe. The repayment can be made in various ways to the Tribe and its members.

The Higher Education staff has given me guidance and encouragement. I tip my hat to you all, because you have many of us to guide, to lend an ear to, and to encourage so we may continue our educational goals. I know that students get frustrated and take it out on the staff, but nonetheless you continue to do your job and show the professionalism the Tribe deserves of its employees. I thank you again.

Next is the remainder of my family. Although I did not hear from you daily, I know you were missing me and sent me good prayers to get through the hard times. All my aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, cousins and in-laws assisted my mom in traveling by coming with her to see me or always helping my mom with my son. Thank you and I love you all!

Last but not at all the least are my friends, my fellow tribal members and the Ignacio community. Thanks for the daily

emails, calls and texts of encouragement and craziness. The friends I would not be able to live without are Tara Vigil, Barb Scott, Daphnee Washington, Joe Vigil and Sam Burch, who have made it clear throughout the years that I needed breaks. It is these breaks from studying that helped the most because I would hit the books harder and be revitalized after they left. I want to present a special thanks and much love to you all for reminding me of the need to have a little bit of a life outside of school.

I would like to "thank" all the tribal members and Ignacio community members who have given me encouragement and talked with me about being a role model for all tribal members and members of the community. You have no idea how those conversations lifted my spirits and gave me that little extra push to continue with my educational goals.

There are many of you who have been my role models and I have not forgotten you. There are many people in my life and I appreciate you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Shelly Thompson

A Letter to the Southern Ute **Tribal Council**

Why do we suffer?

We have more resources than most tribes across the United States, yet why are we not able to solve the problems of poor financial performance, poor health care and poor housing? We have many supposedly good investment portfolios and businesses, yet why do we have cash flow problems? Why is it that we do not confront bad business practices and poor management decisions that are so conveniently blamed on a poor economy? If we can hire unbiased experts on any given subject, then why do we not have the answers?

The brutally honest answer is that we are Native American Indians, and many people have exploited us for many years. This exploitation has not stopped even today. We have trouble understanding the people and the world around us, and we regularly make mistakes. We do not even realize all the consequences of our actions. We do not understand other people's motivations that are driven by greed and we do not understand why the world is exactly the way it is. So we often end up in situations where others take advantage of us.

It does not have to be this way. We must act now to prevent our wealth from being squandered. We must work together to find the truth and get the answers to fix our problems.

Control: Who has control? Does our Tribal Council have control of the situation? Unfortunately, the answer is no. The world is too complex even for our Tribal Council to manage control of our tribal resources. Even though the Tribal Council may have the best intentions, there is little that they are doing to take control and solve the problems. If the tribal council understood the problems, they might be able to pursue a solution. The reality is that a few greedy managers and a tightly controlled legal counsel organization that is unfortunately not working in the best interest of the Tribe are

manipulating the Tribal Council.

Conflict of interest: What is conflict of interest? Is this a legal term? No, it is simply a bad business practice where the decisionmaking is highly biased and not in the best interests of the Tribe. How do you recognize conflicts of interest? Most large corporations have ethics and governance rules that prevent conflicts of interest in many areas of business, such as at the board level when approving investments, or when new contracts are issued, or how employees are hired and fired. If we have not studied ethics and governance to the point of being able to recite best practices, then we are at risk of being exploited by managers who have conflicts of interest.

Financial performance: What is financial performance? This should not be a question. We should know the answer, yet we do not. We should understand what benchmarks are for every business and investment that we own. It is because we do not understand the difference between a market downturn and bad management decisions that we are in our current financial crisis. Managers should be accountable. Outside of Native America, investment portfolios and businesses across every industry sector are benchmarked to define good performance versus poor performance. These specific industry dynamics need to be clearly defined to help us understand the difference between a good manager and a bad manager. We must adopt the philosophy that we keep good managers and we fire bad managers based on objective review of performance.

Has this been presented to you? Do you know the difference? We have not been presented the hard, honest truth about performance. This simply means that poor managers are manipulating us. If we had good managers, they would proactively, without asking, provide the truth in performance and judge them-

selves objectively against industry benchmarks. We are not getting the truth.

What can we do? There is a lot we can do. The first step is to reexamine the fundamentals of business, such as control, conflict of interest and financial performance! This is not a command for Tribal Council to figure out alone. The task is too complex. The Tribal Council needs to hire an outside organization to do a thorough analysis of control, conflict of interest and financial performance. The firm that you choose to do the analysis must be advised of the potential for hiding of information and deceit. The selection of the firm needs to be independent to all business entities and not affiliated in any way to prevent manipulation.

Once we have the truth, then we can find solutions. If Tribal Council does not take this advice, then we all will suffer, and our children will suffer, and their children will suffer as our ancestors have suffered much misery for hundreds of years.

> In spirit, Orville G. Hood Tribal elder

Thanks From the Burch Family

The family of the late Dennis Eric Burch would like to thank everyone who expressed their condolences. We would especially like to thank the following people: Amy and the staff of Hood

Mortuary

Father Doug, Larry Tucker and Della of St. Ignatius Church

Rod Grove Southern Ute veterans

VFW Post 4031 Ernest Pinnecoose Construction Services

All the cooks and helpers If we left anyone out, it was not our intention.

Sincerely,

The family of Dennis Eric Burch

Poor Sportsmanship Goes Both Ways

The following letter was written in response to a letter published in the Feb. 23 issue of The Durango Herald.

I am writing this letter in response to Ms. Ann Wright of Nucla. First off, I feel I need to correct you about our sign you saw as you came into our town. You quoted that it said we are a "tri-racial" community, when in fact it says we are a "tri-ethnic" community. Two very different words.

On another note, you called our Ignacio boys basketball team the "Dream Team," and you talk down to them as if they did something wrong. Is it not OK for a team to have a dream and the fulfill it? Isn't that what we teach our kids to do every day?

I didn't hear anyone cry or complain when the NBA's "Dream Team" went to the Olympics and beat every country they were matched up with. So why is it so wrong for a high school team to want to realize their dream?

I'm sorry you feel like they used your team as a stepping stone, but that wasn't it at all. In your letter, you talk about sportsmanship – or should I say the socalled "lack thereof," according to you. I too was in the audience for that game, and if you will recall, it first started not with the boys, but in the girls game, when one of your fans decided to yell to the Nucla girls, "Why don't you start throwing elbows out there?"

How convenient that you suddenly forget and try to place blame on others. Even your own volleyball coach heard what your fan said, then came to us and said that what he said was uncalled for and told him to stop talking like that.

So as far as your allegations of poor sportsmanship, look into your own backyard before you

start talking about others. You call us fans "pathetic" because we cheer our girls and boys to victory, and you took it personally because we cheered our boys as we watched history being made. But you think we cheered because they were winning by such a great margin!

I do compliment the Nucla Mustangs boys basketball team and their heart-filled fight. We all watched as history was made that night, but why are records kept if they're not meant to be broken?

My biggest problem about this whole thing is not the fact that you're upset with the fans or that you feel the Ignacio coach allegedly caved into the team's request, but that you neglect to remember that the Nucla head coach took it upon himself to leave his coach's box, walk in front of the scorekeepers' table, go into Coach Valdez's box, and proceed to scream profanities and curse him out, which should have resulted in a technical for him, but didn't. He also yelled and cussed out our players who were still on the court - a fine example of sportsmanship.

Then, as the minutes were winding down, your fans were yelling at your coach to just pull your boys off the court and just go home. You talked a lot in your letter about sportsmanship, but when the clock ticked to 0:00 and the game was over, I watched as the Ignacio boys huddled together and yelled out, "Good game, Nucla!" They lined up to do the traditional handshakes, but were left hanging because the Nucla boys turned to the bleachers, retrieved their belongings, and walked out of the gym.

That is, to me, as unsportsmanlike as it gets. So again, don't preach what you don't practice yourselves. Clean up your own backyards before you look down on others.

Jennifer Cotton

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In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-028 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Kitsale, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Kitsale has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Florence Mae Touchin. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than March 15, 2010 at 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name

Dated this 10th day of February, 2010. **Dolores Romero, Court Clerk**

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-29 NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

Carolyne Spring Eagle, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Carolyne Spring Eagle has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Carolyne Rose Washington. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than March 16, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change

Dated this 10th day of February, 2010. Vanessa Torres, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-025 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Ocean Avanish Shockley-Hunter, Civil Subject Notice is hereby given that Ocean Avanish Shockley-Hunter has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known

hereafter as Ocean Avanish Hunter. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than March 22, 2010 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change

Dated this 9th day of February, 2010. **Dolores Romero, Court Clerk**

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2008-081-PR NOTICE OF PROBATE LaVeta Vigil, Deceased

NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: GREETINGS: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are here-

by notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary. Dated this 4th of March, 2010

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-048-NC

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

Sandra Lynne Ryder, Civil Subject Notice is hereby given that Sandra Lynne Ryder has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Sandra Lynne Redd. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change

Dated this 4th day of March, 2010. Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

Tribal Obituaries



BURCH - Dennis Eric "Caliber" Burch, 62, died Monday, February 23, 2010, at Four Corners Health Care Center in Durango. Mr. Burch was born March 21, 1947, in Ignacio, Colo., the son of Ernest and Edith Burch. Mr. Burch attended schools in Ignacio.

At 17, he enlisted into the Army went to Vietnam. He was honor-

ably discharged in 1969 and came back to the Ignacio area. He worked for the Southern Ute Tribe. He liked listening to the radio and his favorite song was "Against The Wind" by Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band. He also enjoyed spending time with his companion, Josephine Weaver, who has since already passed away. He liked watching old movies and enjoyed life.

He is survived by Ernestine Burch (sister) of Ignacio, Cynthia Buckskin (sister) of Ignacio, Nova Burch (sister) of Ignacio, Robert Burch (brother) of Ignacio, Essie Burch Kent (aunt) of Ignacio, and Anna Marie Scott (aunt) of Ignacio and numerous nieces and nephews, including Christopher Burch of Oklahoma,

Gerard Burch and Charles Burch. He was preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers and 1 sister. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, March 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Father Douglas Hunt of St. Ignatius Catholic Church officiated. Burial occurred at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

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Birthday Greetings & Congratulatory Wishes



Happy 2nd Birthdav Christopher!!! Have a great day hito!!! Love You Lots, Auntie, Uncle,

To Wendell J. Vigil, (3-3) Happy belated birthday my oldest & favorite Son.I wish you lots of love & happiness on your special day.I did not forget your birthday, I just forgot to submit a wish for you.l appreciate all that you do for me.I especially enjoy camping with you, Betty & grandson Sam.I can't wait to do more camping, fishing & boating with you guys this summer. It is always fun to be around you. Mostly, thank you for understanding the reasons I all the time), it's because I love and care for you.I will always give you some sound advice & I encourage you to be strong and level headed.It is you that will determine how to make the most out of your life and the things that you accomplish. Make good choices.May the Creator always be around you,and protect you from all harm. Be good. I am sure you enjoyed your day. I love you very much, and know that I always

will be here for you & your small family. I am very blessed to have you as my son & my very best friend. Thanks for the laughter that you bring to me each day.

To Tara L. Vigil, (3-11)

Love you 4ever, Mom Darlene

Happy Birthday to my lovely and favorite Daughter.My wish for you is to stay strong as you always have been. You are a smart lady, and I am very proud of the way you carry yourself. You have been blessed with many, many friends. I want to thank you Jade & Sen for always being around for me. Know that I appreciate all that you do as my daughter and my very best friend.I cannot ask for a better daughter than you, and I am very blessed.I know that you know I will ALWAYS be here for you and to help you out the best I can. You have a very caring heart because you love & care for all your children no matter the cause, and you continue to love & care for them always. I applaud you for taking the "bull by the horns" when it comes to your children's education, because chew you out sometimes, (not you want them to succeed & to be the best they can be. I am quite sure they will thank you for that, and have thanked you. So, my daughter, my wish for you is to continue to be who you are, very caring & loving. Thank you for all the laughs we continue to have together. I am very blessed to have you as my daughter. May our Heavenly Creator continue to bless you, & protect you from all harm.

Love you 4ever, Mom Darlene



Happy Birthday to Ethan Ben Barry on March 17, 2010

May you have a wonderful day and know that we love you bunches!

> Auntie Amy, Uncle Mario & the Fam Bam

Happy Birthday to my big brother Wendell on 3/3

Thanks for all your help brother when it comes to my boys, thanks for teaching them your hunting, fishing & camping skills & talking to them when they need a talking to, thanks for checking in with my girls making sure they are always in check when it comes to school & boys, even though we have our ups and downs I have to remember that you are my ELDER (hahaha) and I respect you even when you are wrong. Thanks for being the best big brother! God Bless you on your special day!

> Love your YOUNGER sister Tara

Happy Birthday to my Nino Wendell on March 3rd

Thank you for always being there for me and for making me a better person. I love you today and always.God Bless You.

Your Nephew/God-Son, Jesse



I would like to wish my son a very happy birthday on March 12th

Son, I'm so thankful you are in my life. Without you, I wouldn't be complete. I love you and I am here for you. You've grown so much and I'm very proud to be a part of the responsibility for being vour parent.

> Love your mother, Valerie Eustace

A Happy 13th Birthday to **Chris Stewart Cloud** (aka Stew)

Stew you have grown so much over these years. I can't believe how time just flies. You were just a cute little boy and now you're a young lad. We just want you to know that we love you very much and we're proud of all your accomplishments in everything you do. We're thankful the Lord blessed us with such a smart, caring Grandson like you. Keep up the good job of having good grades in school. Skies the limit stew! The Lord bless you on your birthday and every day of your life.

> Love you always, Grandma Sharon Cloud, Ronnie, Auntie Charlie & all relations



Congratulations Alex! Once again we would like to congratulate our nephew Alex Pena for his outstanding wrestling skills at state! Once again, you are State Champ -

hang loose! **Uncle Sam & Aunt Mary** Happy Birthday to my brother Joe and my

nephew Joseph on 3/22 You are already blessed my brother for having your son born on your b-day and of course he acts just like you. I have never been around anyone as funny and crazy as you two, whether your telling me a joke, teasing me, giving me a new nickname or telling me a story, you know how to make me laugh as well as everybody around you. God Bless you both on your special day!

Love your Sis & **Aunt Tara**

A time to remember ...

Naomi Lopez Rabbit: March 25, 1916 - March 8, 2008 Vera Red: March 11, 1945 - July 11, 2007 Daniella Howe: February 14, 1947 - March 18, 2000

Our Grandmother. Our Mother. Our Sister. Our Aunt.

You have touched each of us in many ways, left an impression of love in our hearts. Imprinted our souls with care. You gave unto us life, which we are eternally grateful. You taught us to love one another, be there for each other and to care for each other, and help when in need. Without your love and guidance we were lost, we looked to you for strength and compassion. Your smile enlightening our spirit. You came and went,



in and out of our lives, which seemed quickly, but your lasting impression will live within each of us forever.

Happy Birthday Mom - Happy Birthday Grandma

Love - The Entire Red Family





Women's Volleyball Teams

Tuesday nights, beginning March 23, 2010

Deadline to register is March 19, 2010 Entry Fee is \$250.00 per team.

Entry fee MUST be paid no later than Friday, March 19, 1020 in order for your team to ensure a spot in the league.

To register your team or for more information contact: RC Lucero at 970-563-0214



Men and Women Soccer Players

Ages 16 and older Mondays beginning March 29, 2010

Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. Entry Fee is \$250.00 per team.

Games will be 5-vs-5 and will be played Monday nights beginning at 6pm. Shin guards are required.

For more information contact: Ian Twiss at 970-563-0214

Misc.

B&GC Youth Attend Film Fest



photo courtesy/Mari Villaluna

"The Club," a teen night program of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, took a trip to the Durango Independent Film Festival earlier in March to watch several films made by Native independent filmmakers.

Here they visit with filmmaker Tracy Rector, executive director and cofounder of Longhouse Media/Native Lens. She worked on the film called "March Point," in which three teens on the Swinomish Reservation want to make a gangster film, but instead make a film about their treaty rights to tribal lands lost, and about the oil refineries polluting their marine life.

The youth, pictured from left to right, are Roshae Weaver, Talia Porambo, Willanna Price, Maylon Newton, Kei'Andra Price, Tanisha Collins and Andrew Morgan on bottom. Every Wednesday night, "The Club" runs from 4-7 p.m. at the SUCAP Teen Center. It provides dinner and rides home within 5 miles. For more information on "The Club" and future events, call Darrell or Mari at 970-563-0214.

Animas-La Plata Project Pumping • from page 1



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Animas-La Plata Project workers use a 20-ton crane to remove bulkhead gates along the Animas River on Wednesday, March 3, in preparation to pump water from the Animas River into Ridges Basin, filling Lake Nighthorse. Joe Edison of the contractor group Gardner Zemke stands in the foreground, while Bradley Hight of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe's Weeminuche Construction Authority is in the background.

cubic feet of water per second – enough to fill a 660,000-gallon Olympic-size swimming pool in about five minutes.

This early in the year, the activation of a 14 CFS pump was all us," he said. the river could take. The ALP is bound not to drain the river too holding about 24,000 acre-feet of low, and meters upstream and downstream from the pump house monitor the flow closely. But Gates said under ideal cir-

cumstances, with enough snowfall in the winter to feed the river, pumping would continue yearround.

"That predicts everything for

Already, though, the basin is water and is 65 feet deep in some places, he said. Ultimately, plans call for a 120,000-acre-foot reservoir that will measure three miles from one end to the other. There are also plans to stock the lake with about 50,000 trout, Gates said.

It remains to be seen when the lake might open to public use. Gates said the earliest possibility would be sometime in 2012. Currently, workers are constructing a boat ramp funded by a \$3 million grant from the State of Colorado.

Shopping for the Perfect Vest

By Don Oliver Special to the Drum

Several weeks ago, I was on a fly-fishing trip to Texas. On the first morning I watched one of my friends, Jim, spread all the contents of his freshly washed fishing vest around it and then meticulously place each item in its designated pocket.

He's a dentist, so his obsession with neatness and order is understandable. Since this was a guysonly fly-fishing trip, we were allowed to talk about sex, religion, politics, whisky and fishing. But since this was morning and we hadn't consumed any whisky yet – all conversation about sex, religion, and politics was out. The conversation naturally turned to fly-fishing, and more particularly fly-fishing vests.

Seeing that both of us are extremely wise (i.e. old), our conversation took on a philosophical tone. We felt the first question that had to be answered was, "What is it that determines the perfect vest?"

With all the choices of different vests on the market, making that determination is no easy task. In today's world, there is an entire



industry dedicated to different products that will hold all your fly-fishing gear. There are traditional vests, fanny packs, chest packs, bandoleers, shoulder bags, and shirts with eight or nine pockets. I have to admit I have tried all of them, and have decided a traditional vest is best for me.

After much conversation about the perfect gear-holding product, we decided proper fit is the most important part. I elaborated and Jim concurred: "It's sorta like a woman picking a sports bra, or a man trying to decide on the correct athletic supporter." If it's too big, it won't hold everything in the correct position, and if it's too small it will pinch and bind. To get the perfect fit you need to

Next you have to decide how much stuff you want the vest (or other product) to hold. It is possible to buy a vest with more than 30 pockets. That might sound really cool, but think about wearing a vest with all 30 pockets containing something. Frankly, a 30-pocket vest filled to the brim could take

you to the bottom of a deep lake.

Since I am actually on the quest for a new vest, and have done this before, I take my fly boxes along when trying on a vest. I want to make sure the pockets are the correct size for my fly boxes. Different manufacturers have different patterns, and I don't want to have to replace all my fly boxes.

The next question is, "When does one need a new vest?" I am on this journey because the original color of my vest cannot be determined, it has holes in it where someone has placed cigars that weren't completely out (I hate to litter), it smells like fish, and it is beginning to rot. I think my vest has just reached maturity, but since my wife won't let it in the house, I find myself out shopping. Oh, the lengths we flyfishermen go to to keep our

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee Presents Royalty Workshop #1

Royalty Etiquette & Ute Language

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee will be sponsoring a series of workshops starting with the first workshop on April 01, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Sun Ute Recreation Center. These workshops are open to all eligible enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member girls between the ages of 5 to 25. Tribal eligible girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. We will have two tribal member guest speakers. Workshops are currently being planned to include a new royalty category this year, the Southern Ute Brave. Snacks will be provided and door prizes will be given away. For any questions please contact the committee secretary, Lorena Richards at 970-563-0255.

Aztec/Ignacio Shuttle Fare Increase Announcement

Effective: April 1, 2010 - By Transit Advisory Board Referendum

Price Change	Old	New
Cash Fare	\$3.00	\$4.50
Punch Pass ¹	\$15.00	\$22.50
Monthly Pass	\$60.00	\$90.00

Reduced pricing for Students, Disabled persons and Seniors over 55

Price Change Old New Punch Pass¹ \$12.00 \$19.50 Monthly Pass \$50.00 \$75.00

Notice: Effective March 1, 2010 Road Runner Transit will no longer sell monthly passes for more than one month at a time.

New passes are available at \$1.50 per zone (punch) price. A trip from Aztec to Ignacio or vice-versa is three zones or \$4.50.

Road Runner Transit is a program division of Southern Ute Community Actions Programs (SUCAP).

Please refer any policy questions to Ron Gurule, Program Director 970-563-4545.

New Year - New Home Special Financing Programs & Discounts for Tribal Members Let us be your liason with the BIA. INNOVATIVE HOMES Visit our home center at 29423 Highway 160 East, Durango, CO 81301 www.Innovative-Homes.com



Ute Mountain Recreation Towaoc CO

Men's Open 6' and Under Basketball Tournament March 20, 21 2010

Entry fee is 150.00 Deposit of 75.00 Due by March 15th (Cash or Money Order Please)

10 Player Roster Players must be 72" in height or below to participate

> Awards for Champs through 3rd place, Sportsmanship, MVP, All Stars

> > Call Nick @ 970-564-5752 ntraweek@utemountain.org for more info





San Juan Board Cooperative **Educational Services**

CHILD FIND

The Child Find Team at San Juan BOCES can provide a free screening and/or educational support for all children 3-21 years of age suspected of having a developmental delay or educational disability.

> (970) 247-3261 ext. 146 201 E. 12th St., Durango, CO 81301 www.sjboces.org

Contractors and Bidders

The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) will be seeking proposals and bids from time to time for contractor services (such as marketing, auditing, insulation and air sealing, HVAC) and energy conservation product purchases. 4CORE is requesting that all contractors and vendors interested in being approved and placed on the contractors/bidders list please submit company information to 4CORE. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Competitive Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be rated according to price, financial stability, customer service, green business practices, experience, and local (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Doles, Montezuma counties) ownership/operations.

Send info to: info@fourcore.org or 4CORE Contractor/bidder

10 Town Plaza, #190, Durango, CO, 81301 Website: www.fourcore.org • Phone: 970-259-1916, Fax: 888-779-3963

Request For Proposal

DESIGN SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR HEAD START FACILITY SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY ACTIONS PROGRAMS

SUCAP requests proposals from qualified providers for design services for the conceptual plan of a facility to house the Southern Ute Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Background: The intent of this RFP is to engage a competent professional to provide preliminary design services for a new Head Start facility in Ignacio, Colorado. Qualified firms and individuals are asked to provide specific information listed below to SUCAP no later than COB Friday, March 26, 2010. SUCAP is seeking a conceptual plan that will address the necessary size and scope of the project, provide graphic images that will assist in fundraising, and project the likely cost of construction. This RFP does not seek services that include preparation for construction bids, bid selection, or construction supervision.

Proposal Format: Interested applicants should provide the following information to SUCAP no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Selection: The successful offeror will be selected from among the complete proposals submitted by the deadline. It is possible that the selection committee will request an interview of the top candidates. The anticipated selection date will be not later than April 7, 2010.

Inquiries:

Email: ewasserbach@sucap.org (please request a confirmation email). Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Requests for full RFP outline and questions may be directed to Eileen Wasserbach at the above location or email address, or by calling 970-563-4517 ext 102.

Request For Proposal

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES CABEZON RANCH CLEANUP PROJECT

OWNER: Southern Ute Indian Tribe **Environmental Programs Division** P.O. Box 737 116 Mouache Drive Ignacio, Colorado 81137 970-563-0135 Contact: Mark Torres, Division Head Bob Kilian, Compliance Specialist

Separate sealed or emailed bids to provide environmental consulting services at an EPA Brownfields site located in Archuleta County will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Environmental Programs Division located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, CO 81137 until March 26, 2010. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

the Environmental Programs Division, 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, CO during the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday or you

may contact Trish Valdez at (970) 563-0135 or tvaldez@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Tribal TERO Code has established a preference for Indian owned businesses. To receive preference, Indian owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO prior to the closing date. This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to qualified Indian Owned enterprises. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Office as an Indian Owned Business before the closing date. Non-certified Native American firms may still qualify for award, but will not be given Native American preference under the selection criteria. For more information, contact Mark Torres, TERO Division Head at (970) 563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right The Request for Proposals may be picked up at to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Census 2010 Form

Every address receives a census form

Use a blue or black pen.	
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The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:	7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.	Age on April 1, 2010 Month Day Year of birth
Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.	
Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the	→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this caseus, Hispanic origins are not race.
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The 2010 Census asks questions on: age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, relationship, and home (owned or rented).

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Child Care Providers Wanted!

Child Care Providers needed to open their doors to infants, toddlers and school age children. The Southern Ute Tribal Child Care Development Fund Program will cover the registration costs for upcoming classes that are required to become an in-home child care professionals. For information call 970-563-4740/0209, ext. 2459.

Request For Proposal

FISCAL YEARS 2010/2011 FINANCIAL AUDIT SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: Eric Spady, Executive Director Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority P.O. Box 447 Ignacio, CO 81137 E-Mail: espady@suiha.org

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for the Fiscal Years 2010/2011 Financial Audit. The audit will include an audit of accounts and records of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) for two 12 month periods ending September 30, 2011, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the auditing and reporting provisions of the applicable Housing and Urban

Development Audit Guide for the Lower Income Housing Programs for use by Independent Public Accountants, the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

SUIHA currently uses MIP and HDS software. SUIHA has 109 Low Rental Units, 59 Mutual Help Units and 50 other Rental Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.1 million.

Qualified firms shall be experienced in Public Housing Agency Audits, particularly in Indian Housing. We would like to negotiate a 2 year contract; preference will be given to Indian Owned Business. Proposals must be submitted to the Housing Authority by April 2, 2010 at 4:30p.m.

Request For Proposal

POOL DECK AND RAMP RESURFACING SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

OWNER: Southern Ute Indian Tribe SunUte Community Center. P.O. Box 737 290 Mouache Drive Ignacio, Colorado 81137 970-563-0214

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from firms to provide concrete resurfacing services for the Pool Deck and Ramp Walkway of the SunUte Community Center.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's SunUte Community Center located at 290 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 1:00 PM MDT, Monday May 3, 2010. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Precious Collins for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0214 or pcollins@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. The TERO will certify any Native American owned business after filing the appropriate documents. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. ALL PRO-POSALS MUST INCLUDE A 2% TERO FEE.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Request For Proposal

CONSTRUCTABILITY/BUILDABILITY REVIEW SOUTHERN UTE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY

OWNER: Southern Ute Indian Tribe Construction & Project Management Dept. P.O. Box 737 116 Mouache Drive Ignacio, Colorado 81137 970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Constructability/Buildability Review for the new Youth Treatment Facility.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-5630138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity Restaurant Operations Intern "Digs Restaurant and Bar"

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Restaurant and Bar (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Johnny Gallegos is the owner of Digs Restaurant and Bar. Johnny has extensive knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Johnny and his experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

Position Descriptions: Digs Restaurant and Bar in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: Bar Training (beer/wine knowledge), **Basic Business** (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls – exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), **Bus Staff, Cashier**, **Catering** (sales, service), **Front of House** (FOH) Management (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), Host(ess), Kitchen Management (ordering, scheduling), Line Cook, Marketing, Prep Cook, Server.

Goal: The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. Start immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer - possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Restaurant and Bar is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding "hands-on" training and experience. Qualifications: 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous

restaurant experience would be helpful – but not required. How To Apply: Application available at Digs Restaurant and Bar in Three Springs

Essay: Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two pages) essay along with your applica-

tion describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.

Additional Requirements: Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Restaurant and Bar.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Applications Development Manager

Closing Date 3/16/10 - Sky Ute Sand and Gravel Leading the internal application development of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM), Finance and Supply Chain Management (FSCM), Kronos and all other enterprise applications where necessary. Coordinate users groups, managing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support. Supervises technical development staff.

Engineer I

Closing Date 3/17/10 - Aka Energy Group, LLC Entry level position, performing engineering duties in support of the safe, reliable and efficient operation and construction of natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, and gas treating and processing facilities.

Construction Superintendent

Closing Date 3/16/10 - Red Cedar Gathering Co. Managing contract field inspectors and superintendents, and for providing construction management support for the construction of Red Cedar Gathering pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities.

Engineer II - Aka Energy Group, LLC

Closing Date 3/17/10 - Aka Energy Group, LLC Completing engineering duties in support of the safe, reliable and efficient construction and operation of natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, and gas plants, and, assisting in the evaluation of new business opportunities.

KSUT Board Vacancy

Is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors as a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr., KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Credit Committee has one (1) vacancy.

The Credit Committee members must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe with a reputation of dependability and honesty. A confidentiality statement must be signed.

They shall be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation for Tribal Credit. The term may be for a three (3) year period. The Committee meets weekly on Tuesday. Committee members must not be delinquent with Tribal Credit or any Tribal Department.

Duties of the Credit Committee: • Take initial action for the Tribe on all Applications.

• Have the responsibility of assuring that loans made under the Credit Program are repaid when due. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on this committee are urged to fill out an application and submit it to the Personnel Department in the Tribal Affairs Building.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission, each for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:

• Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee. · Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute

Indian Reservation.

• Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

· Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.

• Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures. • Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.

All applicants will be subject to background investigations. Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should turn in letters of intent to the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, April 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

Ignacio School District

Job Announcements for the 2010 - 2011 School Year Application/Info: (970) 563-0500 ext. 221 Application can be found at: www.ignacio.k12.co.us

Assistant Soccer Coach

Open Until Filled - Ignacio School District has immediate opening for an Assistant Coach. Applicant must pass a background check.

District Librarian/Multi Media

Open Until Filled - Position will involve technical assistance with computers, copiers, Smart Boards, interlibrary loans, and the ability to run three libraries throughout the district. Applicant must hold a Colorado Library Endorsement.

Family Consumer Science Teacher

Open Until Filled - Ability to teach culinary arts, nutrition, and other Vocational Family Consumer Science courses. Applicant must hold a Colorado Teaching License and a Vocational Credential.

Vocational Welding Teacher

Open Until Filled - Ability to teach multi positions using A/O arc, mig and tig welders. A working knowledge of computerized plasma cutting is helpful. Applicant must hold a Colorado Teaching License and a Vocational Credential.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777 *Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Air Quality Scientist

Closing Date 3/12/10 - Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Emissions Regulation and Control Division of the Tribal Air Quality Program.

Building Maintenance Division Head

Closing Date 3/12/10 - Management of personnel, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Building Maintenance Division as it relates to building maintenance.

Water Quality Specialist Closing Date 03/12/10 - Develops and administer Water Quality Monitoring Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA 106 grant, or other grant funds.

Water Quality Technician

Closing Date 3/12/10 - Assist Water Quality Personnel in performing field data collection, computer data input, and other duties associated with water quality management under the §106, §319, and Wetlands water quality grants on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding.

Referral Services Manager

Closing Date 3/19/10 - Responsible for Tribal Health Referral Services division to include the overall direction, supervision, and technical administration of federally funded contract health services (CHS) and Tribally funded resource pool benefits coordination.

Police Lieutenant

Closing Date 3/23/10 - Under general supervision of the Chief of Police coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the police department. Serves as acting Police Chief in the absence of the Police Chief.

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Advanced Practice Nurse

Open Until Filled - Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

Clinical Director

Open Until Filled - Contract Clinical Management position, organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

Family Practice Physician

Open Until Filled - Contract position, providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Temporary Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled - (2 Positions) Under general supervision of the Lake Capote residential manager and the Parks & Recreation Manager, employee is to: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/ small concessions, provide maintenance, cleaning and repair to the grounds, and assist in construction of continued site developments

Youth In Natural Resources Crew Member

Open Until Filled - (4 positions) Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students, 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. Crewmembers are assembled into a 4 man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader and performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management.

Youth in Natural Resources Crew Leader

Open Until Filled - Serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. Must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an ongoing basis. Applications are kept on file for six months.

Help Wanted Energy Auditors

The Four Corners Office For Resource Efficiency (4CORE) has published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for energy auditors for the Weatherization Program. Details are provided on www.fourcore.org/ about4core.html#jobs. Submit qualifications as outlined in the RFQ to info@fourcore.org.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-3387 • Fax: 970-563-3367 P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com

Food & Beverage Restaurant Cashier - PT

Human Resources CDP Manager - PT Employee Relations Specialist - P Marketing

Casino Floor Host - FT Salon Cosmetologist - PT

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Poker Supervisor - FT Multi-Game Dealer - FT Craps Dealer - FT Transportation - PT



Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members & Other Native Americans. FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp

Community Business Section

www.2010censusjobs.gov

The Southern Ute Tribe is looking for Tribal

members who wish to help with the 2010 census.

Please contact Andrea Taylor, Director of Tribal

Information Services at 970-563-4702.

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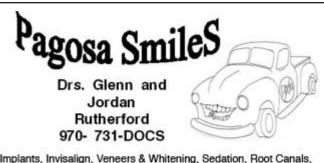
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Ignacio High Athletes Rouse Intermediate Youngsters



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio Intermediate School student Isaac Suina sits alongside classmates during a motivational presentation on Friday, March 5. The Ignacio High School boys basketball team gave the younger students some words of wisdom along with a preview of some ball handling action on the court.

> By Ace Stryker The Southern Ute Drum

I owering over their younger counterparts like giants, members of the Ignacio High School boys basketball team stood before a gymnasium full of Ignacio Intermediate School students on Friday, March 5, and underscored what led them to a 19-2 record and district and league championships.

"When you do the best you can do, you'll have no regrets," said Trae Seibel, a senior and one of the team's captains. "No matter what, give 100 percent."

The principle works whether in basketball or, as was the case for the IIS crowd, upcoming Colorado Student Assessment

Program tests, Seibel said. He tation with a little advice to the said as a younger student he IIS students about how to would stress over the exams, but he learned to focus that energy positively to help him succeed.

Alex Herrera, another team captain who recently secured a basketball scholarship to Fort Lewis College, echoed the sentiment.

"Grades are important," he told the students. "In order to get good grades, you have to try

Then, to illustrate the point,

head coach Chris Valdez had the team run a few favorite plays for the children's benefit. With names like "scramble" and "Arizona," the drills were fast, furious, and thrilling to the cap-

Valdez summed up the presen-

become like the basketball stars.

"You can't do that if you're not a very smart individual, or if you don't work toward your education," he said. "Besides being tall and athletic, these guys are also very intelligent. ... Each one of you should have a goal of going to college someday."

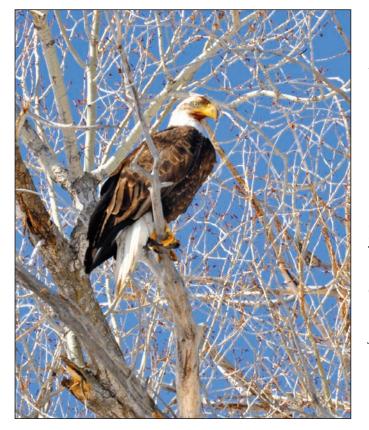
The speech seems to have succeeded in inspiring both the students and the team: Over the next 36 hours, IHS went on to defeat Antonito High School and Alexander Dawson School by scores of 66-49 and 65-46, respectively, and add a regional championship to its already impressive list of accomplishments this season.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Trae Seibel, a member of the Ignacio High School boys basketball team, shares some words of inspiration on Friday, March 5, at the Ignacio Intermediate School. Seibel is one of the captains of the team, which is coached by Chris Valdez.

Birds of a Feather



...flock together. In this instance, several bald eagles, regularly seen along the Pine River during this time of year, were spotted gathered in a tree along County Road 517 on Friday, Feb. 26, just west of the Southern Ute wood yard. The bald eagles were reported to have gathered with a number of other scavenging birds to feed, as is evident on the face of this mature bald eagle. The eagles make the yearly visit to the Southern Ute Reservation and along the Pine River - taking advantage of the open flowing waters of the rivers, as lakes and ponds typically freeze during the winter months - before migrating back to their traditional nesting areas.

photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Drum Joins Press Association



In February, The Southern Ute Drum became a member of the Colorado Press Association, a trade association founded in 1878. The CPA convenes annually in Denver to discuss current industry trends. The Keynote speaker for the 132nd annual convention was Tom Curley, president and CEO of The Associated Press. Curley spoke about the future of digital news and the tablet computer as the future medium for newspapers. Drum staffers Ace Stryker, Amy Barry, and Jeremy Wade Shockley attended informational sessions aimed at improving circulation, social media, advertising and the new newspaper business model in a time where traditional printed media is being forced to adapt to changing readership. The message: Keeping pace with the times will ensure that newspapers can continue to deliver news to communities through traditional and online means.

Census Tour Makes Its Way **Across Indian Country**

By Robert Ortiz The Southern Ute Drum

he Census 2010 Tour rolled onto the Southern Ute Reservation and parked in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's parking lot on Sunday, Feb. 28, in hopes of recruiting more Southern Ute tribal members to work collecting the needed data for this year's Census.

The data collected during the Census is important in many ways: helping rescue disaster victims, preventing diseases, and market research, for example. But more importantly, it affects how many seats the State of Colorado occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. Not only will it aid in government issues, but also in providing a better community infrastructure and thus providing more services.

An accurate count will help hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, and emergency centers, to name a few. The count also helps in the much-needed maintenance of bridges, tunnels, and other public-works projects.

During the stop in Ignacio, Census recruiters were busy hiring people to fill the many positions available for this year's Census. Recruiters have been conducting training for new hires in the Leonard C. Burch Building and at the Ignacio Community Library.

"We want to recruit more Native Americans," said Nancy Janney, assistant manager for



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Karen Wilde (right) presents a plaque from the U.S. Census 2010 team to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in recognition of the Tribe's support to Councilman Alex Cloud on Sunday, Feb. 28. The Census is sending a tour van through Indian country this month to raise awareness of the upcoming survey.

recruiting. "Our priority is to recruit more Southern Ute tribal members."

Karen Wilde, tribal partnership specialist for the Denver Regional Census Center, has been on the road doing her part for the Census. She had just flown in from Utah, then headed to Dulce, N.M., and onto Ignacio, and continued to Towaoc on Tuesday, March 2.

Karen Wilde presented a plaque from the Census for the Tribe's support to Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud. Andrea Taylor, Tribal Information Services director, also accepted gifts on behalf of the Tribal

The Southern Ute Drum will continue to publish notices and media releases pertaining to this year's Census, which is set to kick off on Monday, March 22. Census takers will be out gathering information. As there have already been reports of people gathering information posing as Census workers, there are a few precautionary steps recommended to guarantee the person gathering your information is legitimate.

Ask for credentials. They should be wearing an easily visible Census 2010 identification badge, along with the official Census bag containing all of the official documents.

Ask to see crossing permits. Every non-Southern Ute Census taker will have an authorized tribal crossing permit, either on their person or in their vehicle. This is an official document provided by the Tribe to each Census taker, giving them permission to cross onto tribal land.

Official Census takers will never ask for Social Security numbers. The Official Census form, as seen on page 10 of this issue of the Drum, does not include a question about your Social Security number or bank accounts. Do not at any time give out your Social Security numbers, bank accounts, PIN numbers, credit card information or passwords.

If you have doubts about the questions being asked or if you suspect you may be subject to fraudulent behavior, don't hesitate to call the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Jessie Kelleher, a 2010 Census recruiting assistant, and Nan Janney, assistant manager for recruiting, set up a weeklong training session for crew leaders to be working on the Census. Pictured above, Kelleher directs Trinity Vayre and other community members on the details of conducting the U.S. Census on tribal lands. Large-scale maps of Ignacio and surrounding communities help crew leaders gain a better understanding of the Southern Ute Reservation and laws that apply to the checkerboard reservation.